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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-8 are canceled.

- 9. (new): A method for inhibiting blood glucose level elevation, comprising administering an effective amount of an acerola leaf extract and/or a processed product thereof to a subject in need thereof.
- 10. (new): The method for inhibiting blood glucose level elevation according to claim 9, wherein the acerola leaf extract and/or the processed product thereof comprise(s) polyphenols.
- 11. (new): The method for inhibiting blood glucose level elevation according to claim 9, wherein the acerola leaf extract and/or the processed product thereof is administered in the form of a food product.
- 12. (new): A method for inhibiting advanced glycation end product (AGE) generation comprising administering an effective amount of an acerola leaf extract and/or a processed product thereof to a subject in need thereof.
- 13. (new): The method for inhibiting AGE generation according to claim 12, wherein the acerola leaf extract and/or the processed product thereof comprise(s) polyphenols.
- 14. (new): The method for inhibiting AGE generation according to claim 12, wherein the acerola leaf extract and/or the processed product thereof is administered in the form of a food product.

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15. (new): A method for treating or preventing diabetes or diabetic complications via inhibiting blood glucose level elevation or AGE generation, comprising administering an effective amount of an acerola leaf extract and/or a processed product thereof to a subject in need thereof.

16. (new): The method for treating or preventing diabetes or diabetic complications via inhibiting blood glucose level elevation or AGE generation according to claim 15, wherein the acerola leaf extract and/or the processed product thereof comprise(s) polyphenols.

17. (new): The method treating or preventing diabetes or diabetic complications via inhibiting blood glucose level elevation or AGE generation according to claim 15, wherein the acerola leaf extract and/or the processed product thereof is administered in the form of a food product.